

Week Two Daily Worship – Sunday (3.30pm/7.30pm or a time that suits you)

You might want to listen to a song from one of our playlists

Titles underlined do not need to be said nor *instructions in italics*.

Introduction to worship: Psalm 118:1,4-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures for ever.’ Let those who fear the Lord say: ‘His love endures for ever.’ When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my Helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Take a moment to praise God that we can take refuge in Him.

An opportunity to enjoy God’s forgiveness

In Psalm 119 we read ‘You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying Your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your commands.’ The psalmist recognises his and our inability to walk blamelessly before the Lord and so he knows that when he considers all God’s commands he is ashamed by his inability to be steadfast in obeying God’s decrees. We too recognise that feeling as we look at all God wants for us and what we actually do but the Psalmist encourages us to commit ourselves afresh to obeying the Lord. This is what we will be doing as we pray together -

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: *Please use the blog reading for today*

Pause for thought on the Bible Reading *(suggest at least 30 seconds)*

A place for your prayers *(based on what you have just read)*

Prayers concluding with the Lord’s Prayer and a Blessing

Father, we want to live in the shadow of Your wing. When life is hard, and we don’t know what to do, help us remember that You are with us and that we are never alone. Today help us to choose to walk and live under Your protection. We are so thankful that You are our Shepherd, and that no matter how deep the valley or dark the pit, You have gone before us and made a way. Forgive us when we complain that the way You have made for us is harder than we want it to be. We give our lives to You, Lord, our God and our Shepherd. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Jesus, the hope of all who trust You; the power of all who serve You; the wisdom of all who follow You; the one who unites all who worship You. Grant us Your light each and every day. Fill us with strength and boldness, according to Your promises, that we might reach our needy nation with Your love and Your Hope. We humbly acknowledge our weakness and failure, but our eyes are fixed on You. Fulfil Your purposes and plans that Your name may be honoured in our town. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Father, Thank You that in a world of despair, You are our hope. In a world of darkness, You are our light. In a world of sorrow, You are our joy. Help us to share the hope of our hearts with one another. Enable us to give hope to others through Your work amongst us, use us to transform our nation and town. Help us to spread Your hope to every house and street of this town. May our town flourish and see revival as we preach Your word and praise Your name. In Jesus Name. Amen.

A time for your own prayers (*as long as you like*) ...

Merciful Father

Accept these and all our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse us by His holiness and send us to proclaim His word. The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon us the riches of His grace. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip us and strengthen us in our service of Him. Amen.